

The Old Ways  
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[Intro]

**Em**  
**Em D/F# C/G Am Em D/F# C/G Am Em**

[Chorus]

**D/F# C/G Am Em**  
The thundering waves are calling me home, home to you  
**D/F# C/G Am Em**  
The pounding sea is calling me home, home to you

[Verse]

**Bm C**  
On a dark New Year s night, on the west coast of Clare  
**Am Em**  
I heard your voice singing  
**Bm C**  
Your eyes danced the song, your hands played the tune  
**D Em**  
Twas a vision before me

[Verse]

**Bm C**  
We left the music behind and the dance carried on  
**Am Em**  
As we stole away to the seashore  
**Bm C**  
And smelt the brine, felt the wind in our hair  
**D**  
With sadness you paused

[Verse]

**Em Bm**  
Suddenly I knew that you d have to go  
**C D**  
Your world was not mine, your eyes told me so  
**Em Bm**  
Yet it was there I felt the crossroads of time  
**C D Em**  
And I wondered why

[Verse]

**Bm C**  
As we cast our gaze on the tumbling sea  
**Am Em**  
A vision came o er me  
**Bm C**  
Of thundering hooves and beating wings

**D**

In the clouds above

[Verse]

**Em**

**Bm**

Turning to go, heard you call out my name

**C**

**D**

Like a bird in a cage, spreading its wings to fly

**Em**

**Bm**